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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106, LUCCHESI VINEYARDS AND WINERY, NEVADA COUNTY

Staff have received your \$872 filing fee and have reviewed your 7 February 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and 25 February 2005 Revised RWD for coverage under Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, enclosed "*A Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region.*"

Discharge Description

Lucchesi Vineyards and Winery, Inc., operates Lucchesi Vineyards and Winery at 19698 View Forever Lane in Grass Valley, Nevada County. The winery consists of a 500 square foot covered concrete crush pad and a 3,200 square foot processing area with drain system. Wastewater generated during grape crushing and barrel cleaning activities drains from the concrete crush pad to a sunken grate and then flows via gravity into one 3,000 gallon holding tank. All pavement around the winery and processing areas are curbed and sloped toward the 3,000 gallon holding tank. Any wastewater generated during cleaning activities in the winery building drains into a floor drain and also into the 3,000 gallon tank. The tank will be monitored on a weekly basis to ensure that the level is at or below one third of its total capacity.

The Discharger crushed 63.3 tons of grapes in 2004 and plans to crush up to 70 tons of grapes per year and generating between 23,100 to 28,750 gallons of wastewater. The wastewater that is collected in the holding tank will be transferred to a tractor sprayer and transported to 20 acres of vineyards where it will be evenly distributed. A catch basin located adjacent to a road downslope of the vineyard is used to control any tailwater runoff.

The Discharger indicates that 18 tons of solids (stems, seeds, skins) will be generated per year based on the 70 tons of grapes crushed each year. This solid waste, which is left over following the pressing process will be stored in large plastic covered containers and evenly applied to 20 acres of vine rows and dirt roads. The solids will then be lightly disked into the soils.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current and proposed amount of

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wastewater produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**. If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the methods of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new report of waste discharge. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver or you must cease the discharge.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Mark List at (916) 464-4732 or Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

Enc: Resolution No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: Tracy Gidel, Nevada County Environmental Health Department, Nevada City